

## 5.0 Coordination and Environmental Review

This chapter describes how the Service coordinated with others and conducted environmental reviews of various aspects of the project proposal and analysis. Additional coordination and review would be needed to carry out the proposed action, if selected.

### 5.1 Agency Coordination

The Service has discussed the potential expansion and land exchange with local and regional conservation organizations and non-governmental organizations, and has worked closely with other Federal (DOE, EPA), State (Colorado State Land Board, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and CDPHE), and local (City of Arvada, City and County of Boulder, City and County of Broomfield, City of Golden, City of Westminster, Jefferson County, and Town of Superior) governments. Tribal governments with aboriginal interest in the Rocky Flats area (Cheyenne and Arapaho of Oklahoma, Northern Arapaho, Northern Cheyenne, Shoshone-Bannock, and Eastern Shoshone) were invited to comment and/or formally consult with the Service. The Services' Regional Archaeologist consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer, and was intimately involved with the development of this EA.

The Service coordinated internally in developing this EA. Field and regional Service staff conducted the analysis and prepared this document, and an Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation is underway and will be completed before the release of the final EA (see section 5.4, List of Preparers and Reviewers).

### 5.2 Contaminants and Hazardous Materials

The Service is required to invest in healthy lands. A Level 1 pre-acquisition site assessment was conducted on section 16 by the USFWS Ecological Services field office in Colorado (Appendix C). If an alternative other than the proposed action which involved a land acquisition were selected, the appropriate level of contaminants assessment would be conducted for that site prior to acquisition.

### 5.3 National Environmental Policy Act

The Service conducted this environmental analysis under the authority of and in compliance with NEPA, which requires an evaluation of reasonable alternatives that will meet stated objectives and an assessment of the possible effects on the natural and human environment.

#### Environmental Assessment

This EA will be the basis for determining whether the implementation of the proposed action would constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. NEPA planning for this EA involved other government agencies and the public in the identification of issues and alternatives for the proposed project (See chapter 1; Issues Identified and Selected for Analysis).

## Distribution and Availability

The Service is distributing the EA (with the associated draft Land Protection Plan (LPP) in the same volume) to the project mailing list, which includes Federal and State legislative delegations; tribes; Federal, State, and local agencies; non-governmental organizations; and interested individuals. Copies can be requested from the USFWS Region 6 office. After the EA is released for public review, the Service will hold a public meeting to discuss the EA and draft LPP.

Copies of the draft EA/LPP and information about the public meeting are available by visiting the Rocky Flats NWR website or by contacting the service by email, mail, phone, or in person.

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